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MEMORANDUM FOR: Management Officer

SUBJECT: Relocation of Foreign Documents Division

REFERENCE: Executive's Memorandum of 28 December 1949  
to Management Officer

1. IF Contact Branch of OD should be eventually relocated in a new operating office, as suggested in MSC 50, then it would be necessary to relocate the Foreign Document Division.

2. Off hand, we think that Foreign Document Division would be better placed under OOD as one of the operating services of CIA rather than under ODE, which has the function of producing finished intelligence. We feel this was behind the Director's decision (paragraph 1 b of the December 28th memorandum) and we see no reason why it should be changed to ODE as we think that the Director knows more about the functional operation of the Agency than does the Bureau of the Budget. We think FDD need not change its functions to be an "adjunct of a dissemination service" or "part of a library" but rather could remain as at present, a separate unit performing specialized functions.

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